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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of release: September 3, 2003 /1000 hours

Date/Time of occurrence: September 2, 2003 / 1438 hours

Nature of Call: Drowning/ Boating accident

Location of Call: Homeowners Beach on Moana Circle, Tahoma, Lake Tahoe area

Case Number: SO03-13324

Victim: Disanto, Louis Anthony

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff's Office along with Meeks Bay Fire Department and North Tahoe Fire Department responded to the Homeowners Beach on Moana Circle in Tahoma, Lake Tahoe, for a reported drowning.

Seventy-year old Louis Disanto was located at the waters' edge and was unresponsive. CPR efforts were initiated however unsuccessful and Mr. Disanto was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mr. Disanto, from the San Mateo area, was vacationing with his family at their second home in Lake Tahoe. Mr. Disanto was last seen alive at approximately 1400 hours by a neighbor who observed him rowing out to his boat, which was moored near the beach.

The neighbor left for a period of time and when they returned, saw Mr. Disanto's dingy half-full of water near the pier. The neighbor viewed the area with binoculars and saw Mr. Disanto floating face down near the dingy.

Initial investigation shows that Mr. Disanto may have been attempting to board his pleasure boat from the dingy and fell into the water and could not climb back in. Mr. Disanto is survived by his wife.

Investigating Detective Michael Lyke, also a member of Placer County's dive rescue team, stated, "Wearing a personal flotation device may not have prevented the accident from occurring but it would have increased the likelihood of survival. Everyone should wear a personal floatation device while participating in water and boating activities".

RELEASED BY: Detective Helen Thomson

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